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| <b>Project Title</b>         | <b>Trade in Services: Liberalisation under the World Trade Organization General Agreement on Trade in Services (WTO GATS) and Regional Trade Agreements</b>   |
| <b>Project Area</b>          | Trade Facilitation  |
| <b>Beneficiary Countries</b> | MV  |
| <b>Source of Funding</b>     | Singapore   |
| <b>Approved Budget</b>       | USD 38,126  |
| <b>Project Description</b>   | The course on trade in services is aimed at equipping the CLMV ASEAN Members with the necessary knowledge and skills needed in services negotiations under the WTO GATS and Free Trade Agreements (FTAs), including under ASEAN Framework Agreement on Services (AFAS). The workshop will also expose ASEAN negotiators from the CLMV member countries to new approaches being adopted in new services agreement with respect to scheduling commitments, such as using the negative list or hybrid of negative and positive lists for different modes of supply or obligations.   |
| <b>Objective</b>             | The objectives of this course are aimed at helping participants to : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Identify key concepts and legal obligations contained in the General Agreement on Trade in Services (GATS).</li> <li>ii. Interpret and draft a basic GATS Schedule of Commitments (under the positive list approach).</li> <li>iii. Understand some key issues arising from WTO Dispute Settlement cases on services trade.</li> <li>iv. Examine trade in Services under Free Trade Agreements, with particular emphasis on the ASEAN Framework Agreement on Services.</li> <li>v. Better understand new approaches being adopted in new services agreements with respect to scheduling commitments, such as using the negative list or a hybrid of negative and positive lists. The services negotiations in TPP and RCEP will be discussed to illustrate such new approaches.</li> <li>vi. Build their capacity in gaining expertise and awareness of their own economies and to identify areas where they could benefit from liberalising trade in services.</li> </ul> |
| <b>Implementation Status</b> | The trainings are going to be conducted between August and September 2018.  |
| <b>External Links</b>        | <a href="https://www.scp.gov.sg/content/scp/our_courses/initiative_for_asean_integration.html">https://www.scp.gov.sg/content/scp/our_courses/initiative_for_asean_integration.html</a>   |